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SUBJECT: UNESCO MASS MEDIA PRINCIPLES MEETING; PERM  
DEL AND US MEETING DELEGATION RECOMMENDA-  
TIONS ON US REACTION TO "ZIONISM-RACISM"  
VOTE

1. CONVEYED BELOW ARE RESPECTIVE RECOMMENDATIONS OF  
US REP. TO EXPERTS MEETING, PERMDEL AND US DELEGA-  
TION PUBLIC MEMBERS FOR DEPARTMENT'S CONSIDERATION RE-  
GARDING US RESPONSE TOMORROW (DECEMBER 18) TO DEC. 17  
VOTE BY SUBJECT MEETING APPROVING YUGOSLAV TEXT RE-  
FERRING TO 3379.

2. US REP. SUGGESTS THAT WE BE AUTHORIZED (A) NOT  
TO RETURN TO EXPERTS MEETING SESSIONS, ACCOMPANIED  
BY PUBLIC STATEMENT OF OUR DECISION, NOT TO PARTICI-  
PATE FURTHER, (B) TO RETURN TO MEETING TOMORROW IN  
ORDER TO GIVE AN EXPLANATION OF VOTE AND TO REQUEST  
ADJOURNMENT SINE DIE OF THE MEETING. REQUEST WOULD BE  
MADE ON GROUNDS THAT A SUBSTANTIAL NUMBER OF COUNTRIES  
INCLUDING USA HAD DECIDED FURTHER PARTICIPATION WAS  
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IMPOSSIBLE BECAUSE OF TODAY'S VOTE AND ABANDONMENT OF

THE CONSENSUS PRACTICE. IF MOTION IS AGREED, THE MEETING COULD ADJOURN WITHOUT ANY APPROVAL OF.

.SUBSTANTIVE TEXTS ON MASS MEDIA AND WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION OF ANY TEXT TO THE GENERAL CONFERENCE WHICH WOULD BE MOST DESIRABLE. IF MOTION IS DEFEATED WE COULD THEN LEAVE ON GROUNDS OF OBJECTION TO THE WAY THE MASS MEDIA PRINCIPLES ARE BEING DEALT WITH, AS WELL AS, RATHER THAN ONLY ON BASIS OF ZIONISM- ISSUE; AND (C) TO COOPERATE WITH OTHERS, PARTICULARLY WESTERN EUROPEANS, IF ALTERNATIVE PROCEDURAL APPROACHES ARE BROADLY AGREED AT 10:00 A.M. WEO MEETING DECEMBER 18, ASSUMING THAT NEAR TERM RESULT IS ABSTENTION FROM PARTICIPATION IN THE REST OF THE MEETING.

WE WOULD INTEND TO DECIDE AMONG ABOVE OPTIONS ON BASIS OF DISCUSSIONS WITH OTHERS AND IN LIGHT OF CHANGING CIRCUMSTANCES HERE. I ALSO WOULD LIKE DEPARTMENT'S VIEWS ON PROPER US RESPONSE IF ONLY REPEAT ONLY ISRAELI DEL. DECIDES AT LAST MINUTE TO LEAVE. IN THAT CASE THERE WOULD BE SUBSTANTIAL ADVANTAGES TO US IN THE MASS MEDIA PRINCIPLES FORMULATION OF STAYING TO FIGHT, IN THAT A DECLARATION WILL PROBABLY BE ADOPTED WITH WEO PARTICIPATION, ALBEIT OVER THEIR OBJECTIONS AND WE WOULD SIGNIFICANTLY INFLUENCE TEXT. DEPARTMENT OBVIOUSLY MUST BALANCE THOSE ADVANTAGES AGAINST POLITICAL DISADVANTAGES RELATING TO THE ZIONISM VOTE.

3. PERMDEL RECOMMENDATION: PERMDEL BELIEVES THAT POLITICAL SENSITIVITY AND ESPECIALLY HEAVY US MEDIA COVERAGE OF VOTE APPROVING YUGOSLAV TEXT, WITH RESULTANT FOCUS ON WHETHER US WILL JOIN ISRAELIS IN THEIR PLANNED WALK-OUT AT DEC. 18 RE-OPENING SESSION, CREATE RISK FACTORS THAT REGRETABLY OUTWEIGH DESIRABILITY OF US STAYING TO REGISTER ITS SUBSTANTIVE POINTS ON MASS MEDIA IN REMAINDER OF DECLARATION.

4. SPECIFICALLY, IF US REMAINS IN MEETING THERE IS HIGH RISK THAT THIS WILL BE MISREPRESENTED IN US CONFIDENTIAL

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AND OTHER WESTERN MEDIA AS A SOFTENING OF USG ON "ZIONISM-RACISM" EQUATION AND THERE BY OF SUPPORT FOR GOI ITSELF. PERMDEL BELIEVES THERE IS NO CHANCE WHATSOEVER THAT ARABS WILL RELENT ON OR AGREE TO ANY MODIFICATION OF VOTED YUGOSLAV TEXT.

5. NOTE: SUBSEQUENT TO DRAFTING OF ABOVE, BELGIANS ADVISED PERMDEL THEY LISTENED TO FRENCH RADIO NEWS

REPORT ALLEGING THAT US DELEGATION HAD WALKED OUT OF

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DECEMBER 17 MEETING IN PROTEST OF PASSAGE OF  
YUGOSLAV TEXT.

6. PUBLIC MEMBERS' RECOMMENDATIONS: FISHER,  
HARLEY AND LOEWINGER AGREE THE FOLLOWING ARE STRONG  
CONSIDERATIONS AGAINST US WITHDRAWAL FROM CONFERENCE.

IF US WITHDRAWS IT IS LIKELY ARAB BLOC WILL STRENGTHEN  
ANTI-ZIONIST LANGUAGE AND MAY PUT IT IN TITLE.

MAJOR ISSUES RELATE TO USSR POSITIONS ON GOVERN-  
MENT CONTROL OF MEDIA AND USSR POSITIONS WOULD PRO-  
BABLY PREVAIL IN ABSENCE OF US OPPOSITION.

CHANCE THAT GENERALLY UNDESIRABLE DECLARATION WILL  
BE REFERRED TO NINETEENTH GENERAL CONFERENCE MUCH  
GREATER IF US WITHDRAWS.

WALK-OUT BY USDEL WOULD SET BAD PRECEDENT AND

PROJECT POOR IMAGE OF US.

FINALLY, POSSIBILITY OF MAKING EFFECTIVE STATE-  
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MENT AGAINST ZIONIST LANGUAGE WILL BE MUCH BETTER AT  
TIME OF CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF DRAFT DECLARA-  
TION AT END OF CONFERENCE.

7. HOWEVER, HAVE BEEN ADVISED OF POSSIBILITY FRIENDLY  
EUROPEAN COUNTRIES MAY WITHDRAW NOT BECAUSE OF  
ZIONIST LANGUAGE BUT BECAUSE OF APPARENT DIFFICULTY  
IN SECURING TOLERABLE DECLARATION. THEREFORE  
RECOMMEND US DEL. BE GIVEN DISCRETION TO REMAIN AND  
PARTICIPATE OR WITHDRAW DEPENDING ON SITUATION AND  
ACTIONS OF OTHERS.

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